

Update on NRC's Waste Confidence Rulemaking

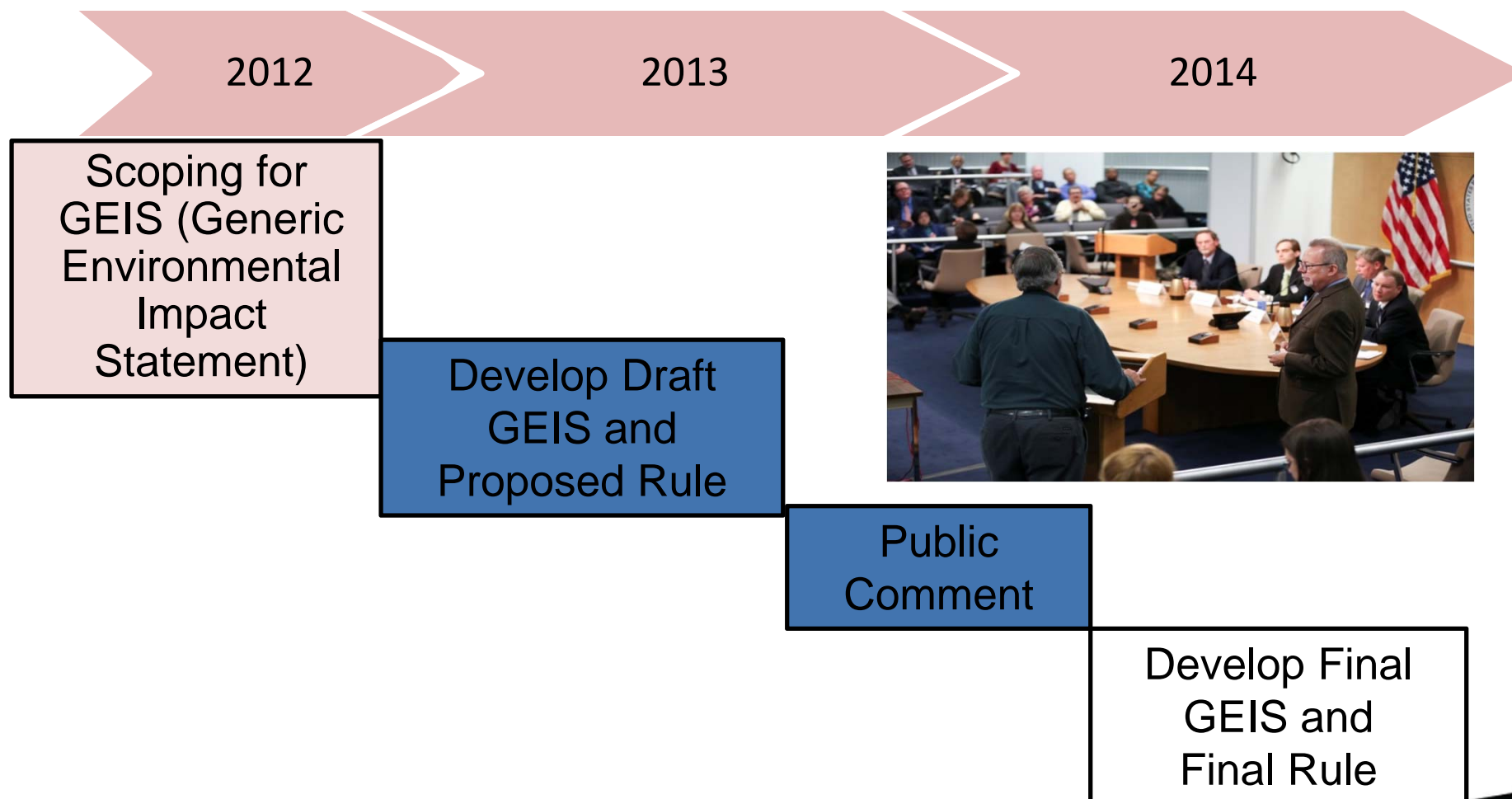
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Schedule



Completed Activities

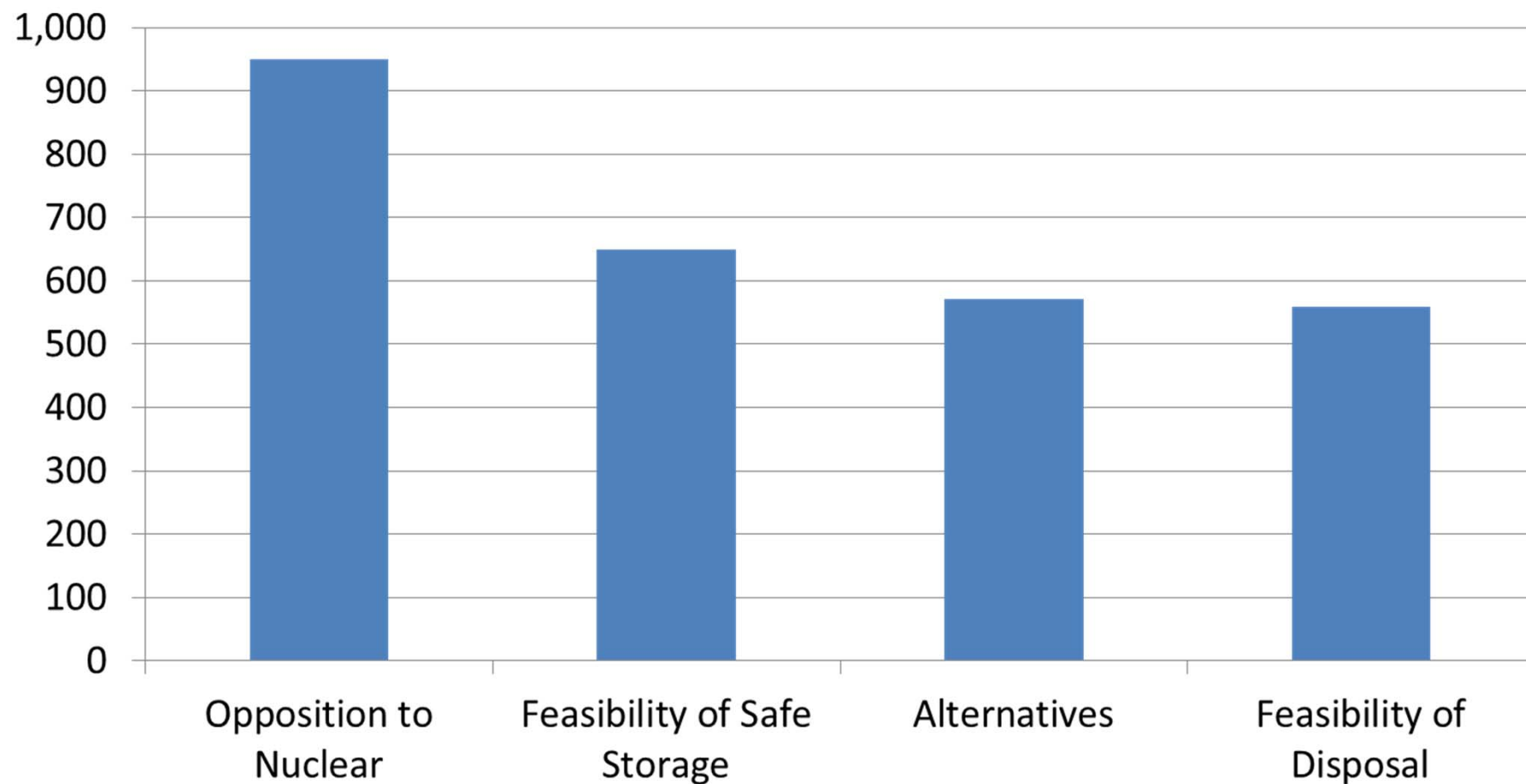
- EIS scoping October 25, 2012 – January 2, 2013
- Scoping Summary Report March 5, 2013
- Published draft statement and proposed rule on September 13, 2013
 - Comment period ended December 20, 2013
- SECY-14-0025 February 28, 2014
- Commission meeting March 21, 2014

Public Participation

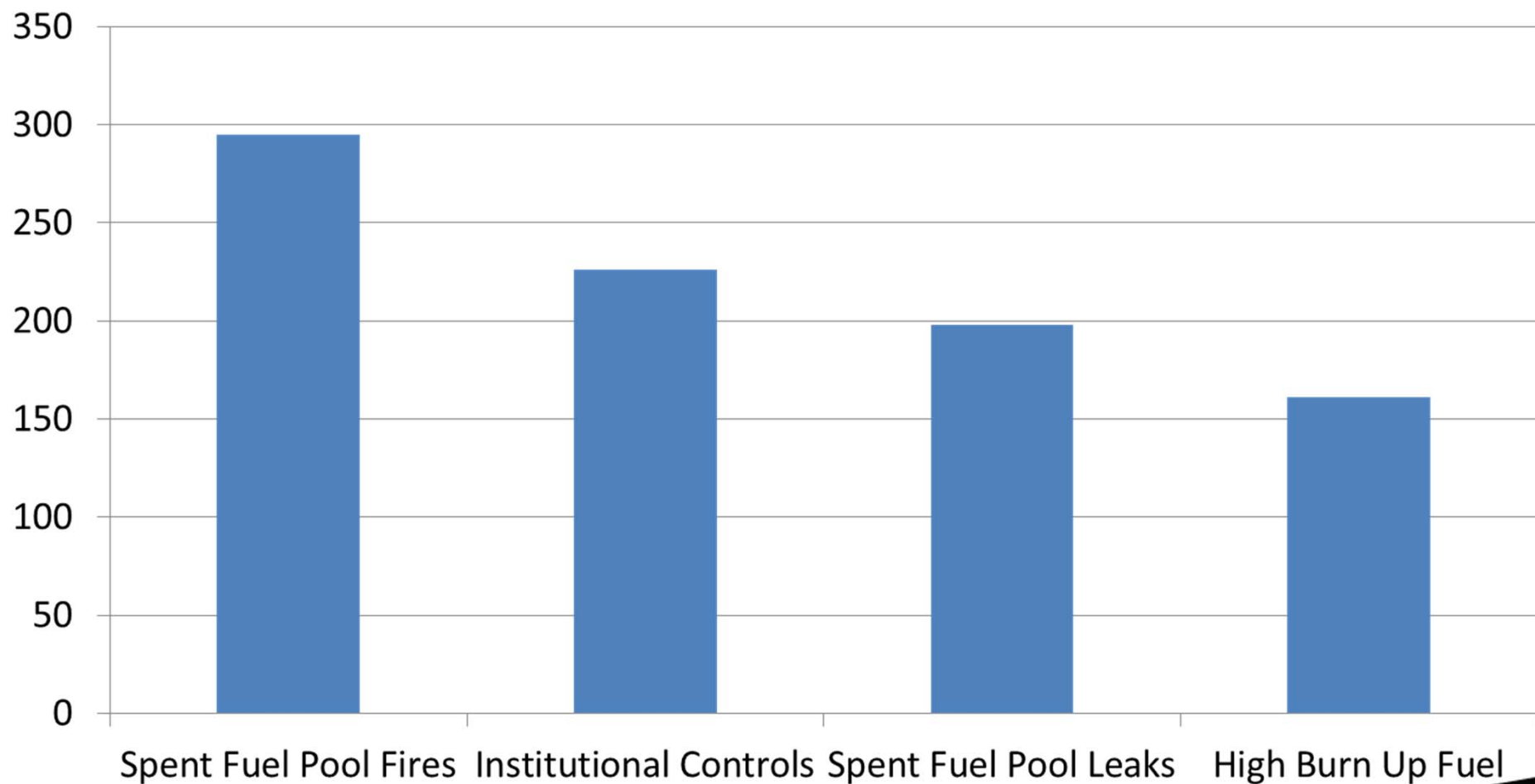
- 11 Monthly status calls
 - Average 80 participants
- WCO Outreach list serve
 - 3,000+ subscribers
- 13 public meetings
 - 1,400+ participants; about 500 transcribed statements
- Comments overall
 - 33,000+ submittals; about 1500 unique submissions
 - 9,000+ unique comments



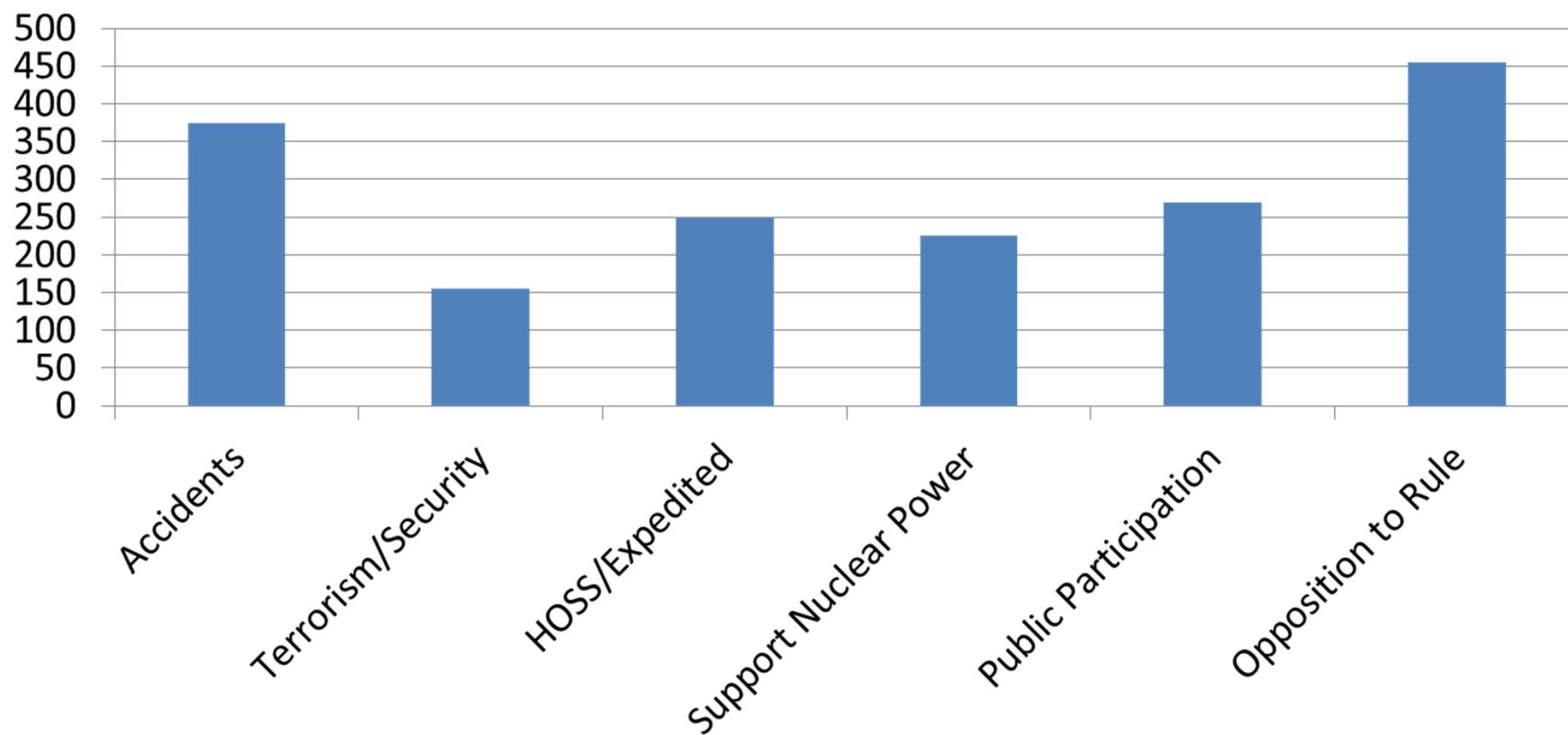
Most Common Topics



Example High-Interest Topics



Other High-Interest Topics



Public Input to Policy

- Solicited in Federal Register
- Summarized in “Waste Confidence - Continued Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel Proposed Rule: Public Feedback on Specific Issues”
- (SECY-14-0025, Feb 28, 2014)

Issue 1

- Whether specific policy statements regarding the timeline for repository availability should be removed from the rule text.

Issue 2

- Whether a specific policy statement regarding safety of continued storage should be made in the rule text.

Issue 3

- Whether the Discussion portion (Section III) of the Statements of Consideration should be streamlined by removing content that is repeated from the draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement.

Issue 4

- Whether the title of the rule should be changed in light of a Generic Environmental Impact Statement being issued instead of a separate Waste Confidence Decision.

Path Forward

- Comment Resolution – Near Complete
- Revise GEIS/Rule as necessary - Ongoing
- Recommend draft final GEIS and Rule to Commission - Summer 2014
- Publish - Fall 2014